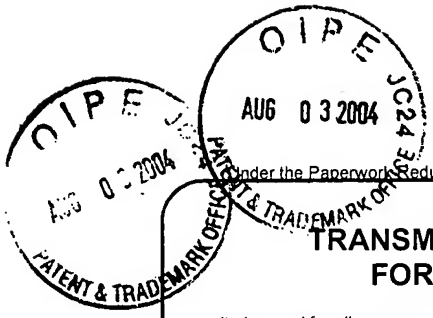


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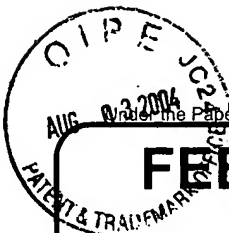
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Sir:

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before August 1, 2004. This response is timely filed.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 8-10, drawn to a fitment system; and

Group II: Claims 18-20 drawn to a method of providing an interchangeable fitment system.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 8-10) drawn to a fitment system. This election is made without traverse. The elected claims set forth, herein, are merely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and is not to be construed as surrender of any subject